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To the Health Committee of the Urban District of Milnrow

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my thirtyfourth Annual Report of the District of Milnrow and shall commence by placing before you the General Statistics from which this report is formed:-

Population

The estimated population of the district for 1962 is 7,819 with an acreage of 5,194.

The rateable value of the district is £127,746 and the sum represented by the penny rate is £376.

The population is industrial and is occupied mainly with cotton spinning, the engineering trade and the wool trade, none of which has any peculiar influence on the public health.

Vital Statistics

Mortality rates per 1,000 population	
Total (all forms)	17.0
Respiratory Tuberculosis	Nil
Malignant neoplasms	1.84
Live birth rates per 1,000 population	14.6
Still births per 1,000 total births	16.7
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 total births	Nil
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	25.4
Neo-mortality rate per 1,000 live births	25.4
Early neo-mortality rate per 1,000 live births	16.9
Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total births	33.3

	M	F	Total
Live births			
Legitimate	62	56	118
Illegitimate	60	51	111
Still births	2	5	7
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	1	1	2
Deaths of infants under 1 year	-	-	-
Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	2	1	3
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks	-	-	-
Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	2	1	3
Deaths of infants under 1 week	-	-	-
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	1	1	2
	-	-	-

Rates per 1,000 of Population

Year	Live Births		Deaths (All Causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortali-	
	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Pop.	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Pop.	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Total births	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Total births	No. of deaths Reg.	Rate per 100 liv birth
1962	118	14.6	135	17.0	2	16.7	Nil	Nil	8	25.
1961	119	14.8	132	16.9	2	16.5	Nil	Nil	5	42.
Prev. year Diff.	+1	-0.2	+3	+0.1	-	+0.2	-	-	+3	-16.

Vital Statistics 1943 - 1962

Year	Population Estimated to Middle of Each Year	Births		Deaths		Infantile Deaths		Maternal Mortalit	
		No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
1943	7520	116	15.4	108	14.3	9	77	Nil	
1944	7661	129	16.8	97	12.6	2	15.5	1	7.75
1945	7671	131	17.0	111	14.4	9	68	Nil	
1946	8134	147	18.0	105	12.9	6	40	Nil	
1947	8290	166	20.0	112	13.5	5	50	Nil	
1948	8418	145	17.2	117	13.2	9	62	1	6.66
1949	8514	146	17.1	128	14.3	6	43	1	6.80
1950	8596	134	15.6	126	14.7	3	15	Nil	
1951	8557	142	16.6	123	14.4	5	35	Nil	
1952	8578	137	15.7	128	14.0	6	44	1	7.19
1953	8535	134	15.3	90	9.9	2	15	Nil	
1954	8540	100	11.9	117	13.2	1	10	Nil	
1955	8500	126	15.1	129	14.6	2	16	Nil	
1956	8460	88	10.4	129	15.2	3	34	Nil	
1957	8410	124	14.9	100	12.4	Nil	Nil	Nil	
1958	8360	125	15.1	108	13.3	7	5.6	Nil	
1959	8380	122	14.7	126	15.6	2	16.4	Nil	
1960	8380	102	12.2	97	12.1	4	39.2	Nil	
1961	8110	119	14.8	132	16.9	5	42	Nil	
1962	7819	118	14.6	135	17.0	8	25.4	Nil	

Comparison with England and Wales

	England and Wales	Milnrow
Birth rate	18.0	14.6
Death rate	11.9	17.0
Maternal Mortality Rate	0.35	Nil
Infantile Mortality Rate	21.4	25.4

Causes of Death during the year 1962

1	Tuberculosis Respiratory	-
2	" other	-
3	Syphilitic disease	-
4	Diphtheria	1
5	Whooping cough	-
6	Meningoecal Infections	-
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	-
8	Measles	-
9	Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases	-
10	Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	2
11	" " Lung, Bronchus	3
12	" " Breast	-
13	" " Uterus	2
14	Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	-
15	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	10
16	Diabetis	-
17	Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	2
18	Coronary Disease, Angina	23
19	Hypertension with Heart Disease	19
20	Other Heart Diseases	2
21	Other Circulatory Diseases	22
22	Influenza	4
23	Pneumonia	-
24	Bronchitis	12
25	Other diseases of the respiratory system	11
26	Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum	1
27	Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea	-
28	Nephritis & Nephrosis	-
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	-
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	1
31	Congenital Malformations	-
32	Other defined and ill defined Diseases	1
33	Motor Vehicle Accidents	12
34	All other accidents	2
35	Suicide	5
36	Homicide & Operations of War	-

Deaths Occurring Outside District

Place of Death	M	F	Total
Birch Hill Hospital	22	40	62
Turton	Nil	1	1
Marland Hospital	2	Nil	2
Rochdale Infirmary	4	5	9
Turner Brothers, Spotland	1	Nil	1
Booth Hall Hospital	1	Nil	1
Springfield Hospital	Nil	2	2
Manchester Royal Infirmary	1	Nil	1
Royal Infirmary, Preston	1	Nil	1
General Infirmary, Southport	Nil	1	1
Oldham & District General Hospital	1	Nil	1
Bury General Hospital	1	Nil	1

Infant and Maternal Mortality Rate

	No. of Deaths	Rate	Increase or Decrease
Infant Mortality 1962	8	25.4	- 16.6
" " 1961	5	42.0	
Maternal Mortality 1962	Nil	Nil	
" " 1961	Nil	Nil	

Notifiable Infectious Diseases

	Total	Under 1 yr.	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 25	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 65	65 & over	Deaths in Hospital
Scarlet Fever	17			1	2	2	11	1						
Whooping Cough	1						1							
Measles	102	4	5	5	14	20	49	5						
Dysentery	1					1								
Tuberculosis	4								1			3		

Under the National Health Service, the County is divided into 17 administrative divisions.

Milnrow is in number 13 district which is composed of Bacup, Heywood, Littleborough, Milnrow, Wardle and Whitworth.

Maternity and Child Welfare

Clinic — There is a Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic (Consultation) open every Tuesday, 2.0. to 4.0. p.m.

Ante-Natal — Cases attend clinic in Rochdale by arrangement or 1 Wesley Street, when the clinic is open.

Midwifery — Domiciliary midwifery is carried out by midwives under the control of the Lancashire County Council.

Home Helps — The home help service is run by the Lancashire County Council, Divisional Health No. 13.

Cleansing Centre — Cases requiring treatment are treated at the Cleansing Centre in Rochdale.

Immunisation — Clinics are held monthly at the Maternity and Child Welfare on the first Wednesday in every month.

Ambulance Facilities — The ambulance service is administered by the Lancashire County Council and the Ambulance Station is at Radcliffe.

Infectious Diseases — The hospitals are administered by the Regional Hospital Board.

I am,

Yours obediently,

O.R.I. LOVE. M.D., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health.

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Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector

for the year 1962

Madam Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting to you my eighteenth Annual Report.

The Karrier Bantam 11/15 cu.yd. packer refuse collection vehicle was delivered at the beginning of the year and has proved to be satisfactory making a cleaner collection and saving time.

Tipping ceased on the tip facing Stanneybrook Park and has been contoured into the existing countryside, soiling and reseeding have yet to be carried out.

Planning permission has been received for the new tip at Uncouth.

The appointed day for the slaughterhouse regulations was the 1st January, 1962.

At that date two slaughterhouses had carried out the necessary work and building was still being carried out on the new slaughterhouse.

There are now 3 slaughterhouses in operation and two of these are being used by wholesale slaughtermen.

Slaughtering at one slaughterhouse commenced on the 1st April and another at the beginning of July.

It will be appreciated that the amount of meat inspected has greatly increased and is expected to increase further during the coming year.

During the period of fog the number of deaths was again very high and although the burning of smokeless fuels has removed much of the smoke from the atmosphere the other waste gasses are still being discharged into the air.

It would appear that further research is still necessary to try to eliminate the waste gasses from the fuel.

At the present time many bungalows are being built with the resulting low chimney outlet, the waste from the fires are being discharged at a low level with little chance of being properly diffused and in my opinion is aggravating the position.

During the year 11 prefabricated bungalows were demolished.

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their help and consideration in the exercise of my duties as Public Health Inspector.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

H. NUNN.

Public Health Inspector.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Housing

Number of houses erected during the year	
By other bodies	100
By Local Authority	Nil

Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year

Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	62
Number of inspections made for the purpose	113
Number of dwellinghouses found to be in such a state as to be dangerous or injurious to health	3
Number of dwellinghouses (excluding those referred to under preceeding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	25

Remedy of defects during the year without the service of formal notice

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers	20

Action under Statutory Powers during the year

Proceedings under Public Health Act.

Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which formal notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	5
Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice.	
(a) by owner	5
(b) by Local Authority in default of owner	Nil

Proceedings under Section 16 & 17 Housing Act, 1957

Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	3
Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.	22

Proceedings under Section 10 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953

Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil
Number of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders.	Nil

Housing Act, 1947. Part IV - Overcrowding.

Number of dwellinghouses overcrowded at the end of the year	Nil
Number of families dwelling therein	Nil
Number of cases of overcrowding reported during year	Nil
Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year	Nil

Houses in the district and their Sanitary Conditions

Houses	3087
Farms	73
Shops with dwelling accommodation	98
Factories, workshops, lock-up shops, etc.	90
Houses, back to back	146
Pail closets	150
Waste water closets	27
Water closets	3206
Ashbins	3187

Council Houses	Pre-War	Post War
4 Bedroom houses	4	Nil
3 " "	390	118
2 " "	122	116
1 Bedroom bungalows	12	34
2 " "	Nil	18
1 Bedroom flats	Nil	18
2 " "	Nil	18
Single Person flats	Nil	18
Prefabricated bungalows	Nil	9
	528	349
Total	877	

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

	Housing Act 1949		House Purchase & Housing Act, 1959	
	Discretionary Grants		Standard Grants	
	No. of Schemes	No. of dwelling houses or buildings affected	No. of Schemes	No. of dwelling houses or buildings affected.
Action during year				
(a) Submitted by private individuals to Local Authority.	Nil	Nil	51	51
(b) Approved by Local Authority	Nil	Nil	50	50
(c) Submitted by Local Authority to Ministry	Nil	Nil	1	12
(d) Finally approved by Ministry	Nil	Nil	1	12
(e) Work completed	Nil	Nil	64	64

Water Supply

The water supply for the district is from Rochdale & Oldham Corporations. The statutory water undertaking being Rochdale. The water is from the Moorland gathering grounds. Of the 3258 houses of the district, 3073 are supplied from the mains. The houses not receiving mains water are those scattered throughout the outer fringe where there are no water mains and are farm houses and small hamlets. The supplies being from private wells and springs.

Sampling

During the year, 1 sample was taken for bacteriological examination and proved to be satisfactory.

There are no stand pipes in the district.

Sewage Disposal

Most of the district is sewered and the sewage treated at the sewage works situate at Uncouth.

The number of pail closets in the district is now 150 having been reduced by demolition of unfit houses. The night soil is collected with a gully emptier fitted with night soil attachment and disposed of by discharging into the sewer for treatment at the sewage works.

Public Cleansing

Domestic Refuse

The cleansing service is operated by one $7\frac{1}{2}$ cub.yard side loading and one 11 - 15 cub. yard "Bantam" Karrier packer refuse collection vehicles staffed by two drivers and 6 men.

The refuse is emptied from 3187 ashbins.

The collection has been a weekly collection with the exception of holiday periods.

The refuse collection vehicles covered 7089 miles and collected 1414 loads.

The reduction in mileage and number of loads collected is due to the new packer vehicle.

Disposal

The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping. The 1414 loads of refuse were disposed of, the refuse has been levelled, covered and consolidated with the mechanical shovel and there has not been any nuisance created.

Dustbins

The providing of dustbins under the municipal bin scheme is still working very satisfactorily and during the year 160 ashbins have been renewed and 91 new ashbins provided.

Offensive Trades

There are no offensive trades in the district.

Rag Flock & Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

One factory has been granted a renewal of licence to manufacture and store rag flock.

Clean Air Act, 1956

5 visits have been made to business premises regarding the provision of the Clean Air Act.

The chimneys are kept under observation and efforts made to control the emission of smoke.

Rodent Control

	Type of Property.			
	Dwelling houses	Local Authority	Business Premises	Agriculture
No. of properties inspected	72	Nil	84	5
Total inspections carried out (including reinspections	103	Nil	91	18
No. of properties inspected which were infested by				
Rats	9	Nil	4	Nil
Mice	1	Nil	3	Nil
No.of infested properties treated	10	Nil	7	Nil

A test baiting of the sewers was made during the year. 28 manholes were baited and 3 takes recorded. The sections infested were treated. The rat population in the sewers appears to be very low.

Factories

There are 43 factories in the district made up as follows:-

Bakers	4
Bleeching & Dyeing	4
Brickworks	1
Cotton Spinning	7
Cotton Waste Spinning	2
Engineering	5
Hemming and Packing Blankets	1
Joiners	3
Laundry	1
Motor repair garages	3
Paper tube manufacturer	1
Slaughterhouses	3
Slipper inner sole manufacturers	1
Spring maker	1
Surgical Cotton manufacturers	1
Television Assembly	1
Waste Recovery	1
Woodwork machinists	1
Wool sorter	1
Portable buildings	1

Schools

There are 5 schools in the district, of these 4 have fresh water closets and 1 pail closets. There is no sewer available for the school with pail closets.

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Food Shops

There are 108 Food shops; 91 visits have been made to these premises; 51 of these visits were made under the Food Hygiene Regulations 1958.

Food Premises

Type of Business	No
Bakers and Confectioners	10
Butchers	11
Fried Fish & Chip	5
Greengrocers	8
Grocery & Provisions	32
Sweets & Soft Drinks	4
Restaurants, canteens and snack bars	12
Licensed premises - Public Houses	19
Clubs	7

Inspection of Meat and Other Foods

Slaughterhouses

There are 3 slaughterhouses in operation in the district and these are being used by wholesale butchers.

From the statistics it will be seen that the number of animals killed has greatly increased and the inspection of meat is taking the greater part of my time, but further time should be spent at the slaughterhouses to ensure that all the regulations are complied with.

It will be appreciated that practically the whole of the meat from these slaughterhouses is exported to other districts.

During the year 465 visits have been made to slaughterhouses.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	1097	1794	36	4307	76
Number inspected	1087	1763	36	3894	74
All Diseases except Tuberculosis					
Whole carcases condemned	Nil	3	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	7	126	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	0.62	17.03	Nil	Nil	Nil
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcases condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cystecercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalized and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

The total weight of carcase meat and organs condemned -

1 ton, 19 cwts.

Other foods inspected and condemned:-

1 tin of Ox Tongue and 4 tins of Corned Beef, 16 lbs.

Milk Sampling

Schools and Day Nursery

All milk to schools is Pasteurised and supplied in 1/3rd pint bottles.

The nursery also use Pasteurised milk.

	No taken	Phosphatase test		Methylene Blue test	
		S	N.S.	S.	N.S.
Schools	6	6	-	6	-
Day Nursery	2	2	-	2	-

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Sampling

The Lancashire County Council are the Food and Drugs Authority and carry out this work. The following information has been supplied by them.

A total of 50 samples was obtained, consisting of 37 samples of milk and 13 others comprising:-

1 Tea
1 Honey
1 Boric Acid Lint B.P.C.
1 Throat Tablets
1 Full Cream Milk, Dried,
1 Self-Raising Flour
1 Butter
1 Beef Sausages
1 Pork Sausages
1 Fruit, Dried
1 Slimmer's Sugar
1 Hot Dog Relish
1 Ammoniated Tincture of Quinine

I give below details of samples upon which the County Analyst gave adverse reports:-

Type of Sample	Result of Analysis	Action Taken
1 Formal milk	Fat 2.80% deficient 6.6% fat. Also slightly low in solids-not-fat.	Vendor notified.
1 Formal milk	Fat 2.80%, deficient 6.6% fat. Also slightly low in solids-not-fat.	Vendor notified.
1 Beef sausages	Contained 345 parts per million sulphate preservative (expressed as sulphur dioxide) without declaration.	Vendor cautioned

Shops Act, 1950

There are 117 shops, 19 Public Houses, 7 Clubs and 2 off Licences. 51 Visits have been made regarding ventilation, temperature and sanitary conveniences.

Type of business	Number
Boot and Shoe	4
Butchers	11
Chemists	1
Confectioners	11
Cycle Accessories	1
Drapers	7
Drug Store	1
Electrical Goods	3
Fancy Goods	1
Fried Fish & Chip	5
Gowns	1
Greengrocery and Fish	8
Grocery and Provisions	32
Hairdressers	11
Hardware	4
Herbalist	1
Newsagents	3
Paint and Wallpaper	2
Pet Foods, etc.	1
Sweets and Tobacco	4
	117

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Inspection of dwellinghouses	62
Reinspection of dwellinghouses	51
Inspection re Shops Act,	51
Inspection of Bakehouses	7
" " Fried Fish & Chip Shops	3
" " Butchers Shops	40
" " Clubs	12
" " Factories	34
" " Drainage	17
" " Tip	188
Visits to schools	8
" " Day Nurseries	2
" re Clean Air Act	10
" " application for Council houses	1
" " water supplies	5
" " Farms	5
" " Rag Flock	1
" " Rodent Control	60
" " unsound food	3
" to Slaughterhouses	465
" re Food Hygiene Regulations	41
" re Waste Food Order	6
" re Caravans	6
" not inspections	72
Miscellaneous inspections	108
	1258

SUMMARY OF NUISANCES & DEFECTS REMEDIED

Roof repaired	4
Ceiling plaster repaired	2
Windows repaired	12
Burst water service repaired	2
Eavesgutters repaired	2
Dampness	6
Keeping of animals	1
Percolation	1
Ashbins provided	91
" renewed	160
Sanitary pails renewed	1
Infestation, Rats and Mice	17
Choked drains released	5
No artificial light to sanitary accommodation	1
W.C. seat renewed	2
W.C. chamber roof repaired	1
Defective flues repaired	2
Leaking flush pipe repaired	1
New W.C. chamber built	1
Plaster walls repaired	4
No intervening ventilated space to W.C.	1
W.C. cistern repaired	1
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